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The *Brown* or *Grey Butter Pear*, the *Green*, and the *Red*, (or *Amboise*, or *Isambert*,) are mentioned by DE LA QUINTYNIÉ as one and the same fruit; the variations of its colour arising only from difference of soil, aspect, &c.: and DU HAMEL*, speaking of the *Beurré*, gives his opinion in direct confirmation of this account. The last-mentioned author states, that when the trees are young and vigorous, and grafted on a *free stock*, the fruit is usually *grey*; when grafted on a *Quince*, and possessing moderate vigour, it is *green*; and those which are languid, and planted in a very dry soil and warm exposure, produce fruit of a *red* colour. Sometimes, he adds, the same tree bears fruit of all these three colours, when the branches possess different degrees of vigour.

It is therefore probable, that the names above mentioned were appropriated to the variety of fruit here delineated, which is known in almost every fruit garden, under the name of the *Brown Beurré*, though it has sometimes been called, by modern nurserymen and gardeners, the *Golden*. It is, nevertheless, certain that the *Golden Beurré* of the *Hortus Kewensis*, (by some called the *Scarlet*,) is a perfectly distinct variety; as is also the *Grey Beurré* of the *London* market.

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